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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Amend claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 21, 28, 30, 31, 33, 35-38, 45, 47, 48 and 56 to read as follows:

4. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 1 in which the retainer part includes a flexible leg, the first formation being located on the leg, the connector part being adapted to flex the leg, on engagement with the retainer part, to move the first formation relative to the body part.

5. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 4 in which the first formation and second formation comprise a lug and a recess, each being formed on or in one of the retainer part and the body part, and in which the retainer part includes two of said legs, the connector part being adapted to move the legs towards one another on engagement with the retainer part.

8. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 4 in which each leg has an inner surface and an outer surface, the outer surface being longer than the inner surface.